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GO METRO TO CHINATOWN FOR CHINESE NEW YEAR FIRECRACKER RACE AND GET \$3 OFF THE REGISTRATION FEE

Chinese New Year -- the year of the Tiger -- begins this weekend, with festivities continuing the following week. What would Chinese New Year be without a visit to one of the many Chinatown restaurants? But you can also celebrate with the running of the 32nd annual L.A. Chinatown Firecracker 5k/10k Run, Walk, Kiddie Run and Bike Ride on Sunday, Feb. 28. And this year Metro riders can get \$3 off the race registration fee when they sign up online using the promotional code GOMETRO.

A traditional lion dance and 100,000 firecrackers will kick off the race on Sunday. Or you can enjoy the free Nite n' Day Festival, featuring music, food and cultural entertainment from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26 and noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28.

Another good reason to go Metro is that streets will be closed and parking will be limited for the race and related festivities, including the 111th Annual Golden Dragon Parade on Saturday, Feb. 27. With two dozens floats and bands and more than 100,000 individuals lining the parade route, the traffic will be snarled. But Metro can take you to the Chinatown Station -- just minutes from the festivities -- for the price and convenience of a \$5 day pass.

Use the Trip Planner at metro.net for travel specifics. For race information and registration, visit firecracker10k.org. For information on the Golden Dragon Parade go to lagoldendragonparade.com.

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